

BARBERTON**Will Annex Akron****Before Ten Years Have Passed Away,****And Perhaps Sooner, Says Mr. O. C. Barber.****Match King Enjoys a Little Pleasantry****And All at Akron's Expense—Neighbors Growing.**

O. C. Barber's faith in the possibilities of Barberton's growth is synonymous with that of the good old dame, who, upon being asked if she believed the story about the whale swallowing Jonah, replied: "Indeed I do. The Good Book says so, and if it said that Jonah swallowed the whale, I'd yet believe it."

Notice Mr. Barber's optimistic views expressed in the following interview:

"Barberton expects to annex Akron in ten years," facetiously remarked O. C. Barber to a Democrat reporter Monday afternoon.

"But, without joking," he continued, "Barberton's population will be increased 2,000 this coming year. There are 200 people daily coming to Barberton to work, and almost 300 houses are needed. Last year about 200 houses were erected."

"By spring Barberton will have connections with seven railroads. This will be done by means of the Cleveland, Barberton & Western road, which we are now building. We will connect with the Northern Ohio at Fairlawn; with the T. C. & V. near Botsman; with the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling at Easton; and with the Wheeling & Lake Erie at Creston. This will give Barberton shipping facilities second to none in the state."

"Grading for the Cleveland, Barberton & Western road is completed from Barberton to Fairlawn, a distance of eight miles. Track material is distributed along the line, and we hope to have the track completed by spring."

"The new coal field, being opened by Wagoner & Rowley, a half mile north of Doylestown, means much to Barberton. It will furnish good and cheap fuel for all our industries, and that will be of incalculable advantage. The vein is five feet thick and the field has 280 acres. Within a few months, the shaft will be completed and everything connected with the field put in lively operation."

"I have recently had a map made, showing the relation of Barberton to the great business centers of the United States. The Magic City is shown to be within the fraction of a day to all the centers; and, in fact, is itself the center of a 400-mile circuit whose population exceeds 25,000,000."

"Well, if that is the case," ventured the reporter, "isn't Akron the center of all this territory?"

"Yes," was the reply, "but then you know we have already begun to regard Akron as a part of Barberton."

FIRST OF ALL.**Akron Leads With the Automobile Patrol,****Which Will be Used Within a Few Days.**

Perhaps there is not a city of its size in the Union that has given to the industrial world so many important inventions as has Akron.

The list of inventions is varied, so that there is included in it articles peculiarly adapted to every phase of industrial and mechanical pursuits. And in the line of experiment Akron as a city, and Akron's people are up-to-date in everything.

When the practicability of the automobile was first discussed in electrical and mechanical circles Akron mechanics were not slow to figure out its possibilities, and today, besides having several automobile vehicles, this city has had built and placed in operation the first automobile patrol known to the world—and that it is a success was demonstrated Thursday afternoon, November 23, when it was given a thorough trial run.

The cost of constructing and completing the novel vehicle will reach \$2,400, and while the automobile is large and heavy, there is nothing ungainly about it. Its weight is 5,000 pounds, and its normal speed 18 miles an hour. Two four-horse power electric motors, hung on a frame suspended under the bed and connected with the mechanism moving the rear wheels, furnishes the locomotive power. Batteries are located under the seats. Both motors are capable of developing nearly 100 per cent in excess of the rated power, making the total energy produced equal to 16-horse power. A 30-mile run can be made without its becoming necessary to recharge the batteries.

Two seats, arranged lengthwise in the vehicle, will comfortably accommodate 12 persons, although in cases of emergency—such as the "pulling" of a poker gang—the entire outfit, including the Jack-pot, could be handled cleverly, for 15 persons have been seated in the automobile at one time.

The driver of the horseless turnout has his seat in the regular place in front. The steering device is regulated by a wheel. An electric headlight is provided, as well as an electric gong.

Mechanical Engineer F. F. Loomis is the designer of the automobile, and under his supervision it was built. The body was built by the Collins Buggy company, which also did the painting. Access to the vehicle is gained by two steps at the rear, and hand-rails of brass tubing are also arranged about the seats.

The body of the automobile is painted Brewster green, with gold trimmings. The gears and wheels are painted red, with gold stripes. On each of the body's sides are painted the words, "Police Patrol." The letters are in colors—carmine, gold, red and green. A canopy top, provided with curtains, insures protection from the elements, and perhaps will frequently shield many a poor individual from the gaze of the curious.

The vehicle will soon be placed in active use. Then it will be housed in a special room added to the northeast corner of the City building.

It has been said before, and will here be repeated—"Akron leads; other cities follow."

ALL GOLDEN**Were the Many Years****Of Their Long and Happy Married Life.****"Was Just Fifty Years Ago, You Know,"****When Rev. L. Southmayd and Wife Were Married,****And the Event Was Celebrated Next Year's Day.**

At 617 Spicer st., live Rev. Leonard Southmayd and wife, and, although they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Monday, there does not live in Akron a couple who enjoy life more, nor whose health is better.

"I was never sick a day in my life," says Mr. Southmayd, and with but a very few exceptions his wife practically lays claim to the same distinction.

Living in a beautiful little home, comfortably furnished, the retired life of Mr. and Mrs. Southmayd seems to lack little of anything which conduces to enjoyment. "I have a little farm of six acres here," said the venerable pastor, to a reporter for the Daily Democrat, "and I find a great deal of pleasure in cultivating it. This year I raised a nice crop of corn and potatoes. We have a horse which I take care of myself, and my wife and I enjoy a great many pleasant drives."

"No children of our own ever came to bless our home," said the aged couple, "but we have raised four children, and have never been without some protegee at our home for a period of more than three months during our life."

Mr. Southmayd's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Erasmus Southmayd, who in the older days of Summit county, were well known, they having for a number of years kept the first hotel at Stow Corners, during the time the little hamlet was the principal stopping place for the great stage route through from Dec. 19, 1826. Mrs. Southmayd's maiden name was Eliza A. Stark, she being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Stark, late of Stow township. She was born Jan. 14, 1826. You will notice that the wife was born in the first month of the year, and the husband in the last. They were married New Year's day, 1850.

"But every year has been a golden one to us," said the venerable couple Monday. "This year is more conspicuous by reason of the anniversary custom pertaining to its celebration."

Mr. Southmayd attended the public schools at Stow Corners and Cuyahoga Falls. Later he was a student at the Eclectic Institute at Hiram, Portage county, O., from which he graduated. Eclectic Institute is now Hiram College, and speaking of the well known institution, led Mr. Southmayd to become reminiscent in reference to its early history. "Let me see," he reflected, "why, yes; Old Hiram college will be celebrating its golden anniversary next June."

The religious faith embraced by Mr. Southmayd was that of the Disciples of Christ. His first charge was at Newton Falls, Trumbull county. From there he went to Pompey, N. Y., returning to Ohio during the war for a short stay. The greater part of the pastor's time during the war was spent in doing evangelistic work in Pennsylvania.

In 1893 he went to Steubenville, O., and remained eight years; from there to Mt. Vernon, O., remaining five years. Leaving Mt. Vernon, Mr. Southmayd returned to scenes of childhood, and buying a farm in Stow township lived there two years.

Moving to Akron, the aged couple have lived here 18 years. Mr. and Mrs. Solon N. Weston celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home on Weston road Monday. It was made the occasion of a family reunion and their five children and 17 grandchildren were present, besides immediate friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Weston were married on the place they now live, Jan. 1, 1850, and their half century of wedded life has been passed under the shadows of the Summit city.

The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. N. T. Bailey and four of the witnesses to that ceremony were guests at the golden anniversary. They and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Meacham, and Mr. and Mrs. Meacham.

Mr. Weston is 72 years of age and his life partner is 68. The children present Monday were Mrs. Charles Ewart, Mrs. W. A. Huston, Mrs. Christian Franz, Mrs. J. J. Williams and Mrs. S. S. Weston.

If you think of changing your heating boiler call on Oberlin; get prices on the Cottage boiler for soft coal.

IN A TRAP**Stepped Two Young Men From Canton.****Business Has Been Brisk in Police Court Circles.**

On Saturday afternoon Frank Sickles and John McCaus, of Canton, started for Akron. On the same train with them was John Miller, of Akron, and the boys got acquainted.

When they arrived at Akron, the Cantonians asked Miller to direct them to a boarding place. He took them to a house on Arlington st., near the railroad.

That night the strangers heard whispering outside their chamber door. They became frightened and arose. When they got outside, they discovered that they had forgotten something in the room. Back they went. On the way, they met John Miller and John Kelly, whom they alleged assaulted them with intent to rob.

Sickles' head was slightly cut, but his friend escaped unhurt. Sickles had a \$2 bill. He saved it by putting it in his mouth.

A police call was sent in, and both McCaus and Sickles were placed in the City prison for safe keeping. Officers McConnell and McAllister later arrested Miller and Kelly.

They were arraigned in Police court Tuesday morning, pleaded guilty to robbery and were bound over to Common Pleas court in the sum of \$500 each. They admitted their guilt to Prisonkeeper Washer prior to their arraignment.

Joseph Strenick, Sr., Joseph J., and George Strenick were placed in the City prison Monday night at 10 o'clock. Joseph, Sr., is accused of conducting a disreputable house near Lock 3; Joseph, Jr., is charged with assaulting Lizzie Crooks, an inmate of the house; George, for intoxication. Joseph, Jr., was the only one of the family trio who pleaded "guilty."

Cases continued to January 3. Wm. McVey and Samuel B. Whiting, intoxication, each \$2 and costs. Solomon and Benjamin Emmerman, obstructing a street, continued to February 2. Same vs. Samuel Wilkofsky, continued to January 4.

Yesterday's Police Court.

Fred Welch, malicious destruction of property, \$5 and costs. Arthur Saalfeld, of 203 Perkins st., was plaintiff. "He destroyed a chair a window light and a water pitcher at my home Saturday night," said Saalfeld.

Intoxication—Jack O'Donnell, \$3 and costs; George Reed, George Sangley, Hugh Hutton, James Lewis, Patrick McGarry and John Snyder, each \$2 and costs.

RODE THE GOAT.**An Akron Quartette Went Through the Mill Monday.**

Messrs. H. P. Cahill, C. J. Walsh, Frank J. Vondran and John M. Doran were initiated into the Knights of Columbus in Cleveland Monday.

Three degrees were conferred and 75 candidates admitted. Teams from Cleveland, Youngstown, and Buffalo, N. Y., put on the work. After the initiation a banquet at the Hollenden was tendered by the Gilmour council of Cleveland.

Those who attended from Akron were G. A. Kempel, J. C. Webster, Thomas Brady, A. G. Kauffman, J. T. Enright, Elmer E. Wildes, William Byrider, John Maloney, W. J. Wildes and M. J. Doran.

A lodge will be organized in this city soon.

Attention G. A. R.

Members of Buckley Post will assemble at their hall at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, and at that hour leave to attend the funeral of our late comrade, Conrad Waldsmith, at his late residence, No. 106 Sterling Court, at 2 p. m. By order of N. CHALKER, F. G. STIPE, Commander.

Masked costumes for ladies and gentlemen to let. Call at Mrs. Julia Wilms, 511 West Exchange st.

WE BEGIN**AT ONCE****GREAT****Clearance Sale****OF****Odd Lots in Winter Tans****For Ladies and Men****Also special prices on****Trunks****AND****Satchels****REID BROS.****Up-to-Date Shoe and Trunk House****122 S. Howard St.****BUCHTEL****Will be Rebuilt.****Aside From Matter of Sentiment****It Is Good Business Policy so to Do.****One Contribution Amounts to \$2,500.****Regular Term's Work Begins Tomorrow.**

Head Buchtel College N. N. N. N. N. Dr. Ira A. Priest, president of Buchtel college, has received a letter from his old boyhood friend, Ira C. Cafet, of Washington, Vermont. The letter contains more than words of sympathy and condolence. Mr. Cafet offers to contribute \$2,500 toward the erection of a new college building.

Wednesday the college will open on schedule time. Recitation rooms have been secured and all of the old students will be on hand. Instruction will not begin until Thursday.

Sentiment which moves the world has moved the hearts of all Akron's citizens with sympathy to the site of our city's recent great calamity—the burning of the main building of Buchtel college. There welled up from the hearts of thousands who thronged the streets about the college a sympathy that was deep and abiding. As they gazed upon that scene of awful destruction many faces were wet with tears—faces of those who had not known how much Buchtel college meant to them personally. Some hearts overflowed when people saw the homes of happy and eager students go up in smoke, others thought of the destruction of large and priceless collections; others remembered the paternal devotion of John R. Buchtel for the college, and shed a tear as they thought of how he had lavished all his great wealth of prosperity and affection for the institution whose building was in flames. Some who watched had a more personal interest. They were professors and teachers who for a few years or many had put their lives into the college, or they were old or present students who saw their mothers in distress. All were tender with emotion and many were the words of sympathy and encouragement for the present and pledges of material aid in the time of rebuilding.

Sympathy has place and power, but many practical men looked through the smoke and tried to realize what practical effect the burning of the college might have on our great and growing city. With them sympathy was for a little driven away by the thought of bustling business interests, and they began a process of calculation. They knew about how much money it takes to run the college each year. That was set down on the page of thought and then they began to calculate from the side of the students. There are more than two hundred in number, counting the music students. The practical men saw that it costs a good sum of money to maintain a young man or woman in school, for the housing, clothing and personal expenses. This sum multiplied by two hundred gave an astonishing amount. This amount, added to that of the running of the college, and more than \$50,000, was seen flowing through many streams into the main channel of Akron's increasing trade.

The practical men saw that had there been no Buchtel the large endowment funds from outside or distant people would not have come here; they saw that students who come to our city from a distance and spend their money here for four or seven years would, but for Buchtel college, not have come to Akron but have gone elsewhere; they were minded that but for the "Old College on the Hill" our own sons and daughters would have journeyed to and spent their money in another city. The practical men did not shed tears, but they said "Buchtel college is good business." "She shall rise from her ashes." "She shall live." "Akron shall still boast of being a college town."

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Precinct D—Corner of Sherman and Thornton streets.
Precinct E—Corner Exchange and Buckeye streets.

For the purpose of choosing one member of the City Council of said ward for the unexpired term of Frank H. Thompson, deceased. Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of January, A.D. 1900.

W. E. YOUNG,
Mayor of the City of Akron, Ohio.
(Seal.)

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Ladies' 10-button Overgaiters a pair33c
(Just the thing to keep your feet and ankles warm these cold days.)
You all know when we advertise reduced prices, that is just what we do do. Come in.

Shumaker & Co.**121 S. Howard st.****VEIN OF COAL****Tapped by Akron Coal Company at Depth of 315 Feet.**

Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock coal was found in the new field of the Akron Coal company, near Doylestown, at a depth of 315 feet. James P. Loomis and J. M. Rowley are today investigating the thickness of the vein. Indications are that it is a rich find.

DEATHS.

SHUTT—John, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Shutt, of Coventry township, died Saturday, Dec. 30, of lung fever. Funeral services were held at the house at 9:30 Tuesday morning and at the East Liberty Evangelical church at 10:30 o'clock. Interment in the cemetery at East Liberty.

WALDSMITH—Courad Waldsmith, aged 59 years, 10 months and 2 days, died at his home, 106 Sterling Court, at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening. Deceased had resided in Akron 30 years and had been ill three months. He was a member of Buckley Post, having served with the 107th Pa. V. L. Funeral services will be held Wednesday. Interment in Glendale.

Hear Norka quartette, assisted by the promising young elocutionist, Howard Brenner, at First German Reformed church, corner Broadway and Center st., Wednesday, Jan. 3 Admission, 25c.